

A(n) Action Day has been declared for Baton Rouge Area, LA, on Monday, Jun 13

Today and Tomorrow's Forecast

Sunday, Jun 12:	66 AQI	Moderate	Particle Pollution (2.5 microns)
	32 AQI	Good	Ozone
Monday, Jun 13:	105 AQI	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Particle Pollution (2.5 microns)
	32 AQI	Good	Ozone

Sunday, Saharan dust will continue to gradually increase across the Bayou State, limiting ozone development and raising particle levels. Therefore, AQI levels will increase from low- to mid-Moderate statewide. Monday, southwesterly winds will transport a dense area of Saharan Dust across the state, further raising particle levels, and leading to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI levels in most locations. Tuesday, concentrations of dust are expected to decrease slightly. However, with high pressure aloft limiting mixing, AQI levels will remain high-Moderate.

This area includes East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, Ascension and Pointe Coupee parishes. The weather conditions will be favorable for the formation of ozone.

The Air Quality Index indicates that ozone will be at the orange level, which is Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. Increasing ozone levels may cause unhealthy air quality during afternoon hours. Active children and adults, the elderly and people with respiratory diseases, such as asthma, should avoid prolonged outdoor activities and exertion.

Area residents are encouraged to take one or more of the following voluntary actions to help reduce the formation of ozone:

- Drive less. Carpool, walk and bike, combine errands and care for your car. Be sure your gas cap is on tight.
- Refuel your vehicle, mow grass and use gas powered lawn equipment and off road vehicles after 6 p.m.
- Postpone chores that use oil based paint, varnishes and solvents that produce flame.
- If you barbecue, use an electric starter instead of starter fluid.

- Take your lunch to work or walk to lunch.
- Conserve energy in your home.

Incorporating these tips into your daily routines can make a significant difference. We all have a stake in better air quality.

SPREAD THE WORD by telling family, friends, co-workers and neighbors about OZONE ACTION DAYS.

More information about current air quality and what you can do to help prevent ozone formation is available online at the DEQ website www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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